

Mrs. Fay H. Gwynn of the Interlibrary Center in Chapel Hill at the Teletypewriter.

INTERLIBRARY TWX SERVICE BEGINS

In November, 1958, Teletypewriter Service (TWX) was installed in the State Library, the Interlibrary Center at the University of North Carolina Library, and Pack Memorial Library, Asheville. The State Library will use TWX to obtain locations from the North Carolina Union Catalog in Chapel Hill for public libraries and to request that interlibrary loans be made within the state. If the State Library cannot provide a book for a public library, the title will be relayed by TWX to the Interlibrary Center. The Staff of the Center will either send the book immediately from the University of North Carolina Library collection or reply by TWX with locations from the Union Catalog. The State Library will refer the request to the library owning the book. The teletype service will provide maximum speed in the interlibrary book loan service among the libraries of the state.

A code for the operation of TWX has been prepared and procedures for its efficient

use are being studied by the libraries concerned.

The 1958 Directory of TWX subscribers lists 17 libraries throughout the United States, including other union catalogs at the Library of Congress, Philadelphia, and Denver. During an experimental period, the Interlibrary Center is using teletype to request locations from the National Union Catalog at the Library of Congress for titles needed by students and faculty of the University. Cost analyses are being made to determine if this practice can be continued.

The TWX call numbers for libraries within the state are: Interlibrary Center-

5014X; State Library, RL 5090X; Pack Memorial Library, AV 88.

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